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SUBJECT: US-UK BILATERAL MEETING ON MBFR VERIFICATION

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1. TERENCE WOOD, PRINCIPAL WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL AT FCO FOR MBFR, HAS INFORMED US THAT WHILE HMG IS PLEASED TO ACCEPT U.S. INVITATION FOR BILATERAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON MBFR VERIFICATION, THIRD WEEK IN FEBRUARY IS "A BIT EARLY". BRITISH ARE PREPARING PAPER ON VERIFICATION ISSUES WHICH THEY HOPE, WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR AGENDA, AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIVE SPRINGBOARD FOR DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO WOOD, HMG WILL BE UNABLE TO COMPLETE PAPER IN TIME TO MEET DATE SUGGESTED BY U.S., AND WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO DEFER BILATERAL UNTIL FIRST WEEK IN MARCH.

2. WOOD ALSO ASKED FOR U.S. VIEWS CONCERNING LEVEL OF

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PARTICIPANTS IN DISCUSSIONS. ALTHOUGH BRITISH ARE

FLEXIBLE, THEY WOULD PREFER THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE  
INFORMALLY AT WORKING LEVEL OR, AS WOOD PUT IT, AMONG THE  
"SHIRTSLEEVE TYPES".

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER U.S. CAN AGREE TO BILATERAL  
DISCUSSIONS WITH UK ON MBFR VERIFICATION IN WASHINGTON  
DURING FIRST WEEK IN MARCH, AND U.S. POSITION ON LEVEL OF  
PARTICIPANTS.

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